

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (previously presented): An apparatus for protecting the surface of a lally column comprising:

- (a) a cover having a length and a width, the cover having two sides, a first side and a second side, the cover having two edges, a first edge and a second edge, the cover having a thickness of at least one-half (1/2) inch, the cover being fabricated from a dense foam material, whereby the cover is be wrapped around a lally column, and
- (b) fastener means for removably attaching the first edge of the cover to the second edge of the cover once the cover has been wrapped around a lally column.

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Claim 2 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the length of the cover is eight feet, and further wherein the width of the cover is eleven and one-half inches.

Claim 3 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 2 wherein the fastener means ~~would~~ further comprises:

- (a) a strip of miniature hooks running lengthwise along the first edge on the first side of the cover for the entire length of the cover,

- (b) a strip of miniature loops running lengthwise along the second side of the cover for the entire length of the cover,
- (c) whereby a user ~~would~~ could removably attached the strip of miniature hooks to the strip of miniature loops once the cover had been wrapped around a lally column.

Claim 4 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 2 wherein the fastener means ~~would~~ further comprises:

- (a) a first strip of tape running lengthwise along the first edge on the first side of the cover for the entire length of the cover,
- (b) a second strip of tape running lengthwise along the second side of the cover for the entire length of the cover,
- (c) whereby a user ~~would~~ could removably attached the first strip of tape to the second strip of tape once the cover had been wrapped around a lally column.

Claim 5 (previously presented): An apparatus for providing safety and for individuals and external objects comprising:

- (a) a cover having a length and a width, the cover having two sides, a first side and a second side, the cover having two edges, a first edge and a second edge, the cover having a thickness of at least one-half (1/2) inch, the cover being fabricated from a dense foam material, whereby the cover is be wrapped around a lally column, and

(b) fastener means for removably attaching the first edge of the cover to the second edge of the cover once the cover has been wrapped around a lally column.

Claim 6 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 5 wherein the length of the cover is eight feet, and further wherein the width of the cover is eleven and one-half inches.

Claim 7 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the fastener means ~~would~~ further comprises:

(a) a strip of miniature hooks running lengthwise along the first edge on the first side of the cover for the entire length of the cover,

(b) a strip of miniature loops running lengthwise along the second side of the cover for the entire length of the cover,

(c) whereby a user ~~would~~ could removably attached the strip of miniature hooks to the strip of miniature loops once the cover had been wrapped around a lally column.

Claim 8 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the fastener means ~~would~~ further comprises:

(a) a first strip of tape running lengthwise along the first edge on the first side of the cover for the entire length of the cover,

(b) a second strip of tape running lengthwise along the second side of the cover for the entire length of the cover,

(c) whereby a user would could removably attached the first strip of tape to the second strip of tape once the cover had been wrapped around a lally column.

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